

HB 2402 -- ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FOR THE REGULATION OF HOSPITALS

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to promulgate regulations for the construction and renovation of hospitals that include standards for hospitals that exclusively reflect the life safety code standards imposed by the federal Medicare program under federal laws and regulations and the standards contained in the 2014 Facility Guidelines Institute for the Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities or its successor in any future promulgation of rules. The department is authorized to waive the enforcement of the standards imposed by these provisions if the department determines that compliance with those specific standards would result in unreasonable hardship for the facility and if the health and safety of hospital patients would not be compromised by the waiver or waivers.

Regulations promulgated by the department to establish and enforce hospital licensure regulations that conflict with the standards established under these provisions must lapse on and after January 1, 2018.

Hospital licensure regulations governing life safety code standards may incorporate by reference later additions or amendments to the rules, regulations, standards, or guidelines as needed to consistently apply current standards of safety and practice.

This bill is similar to HB 1290 (2015).